

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

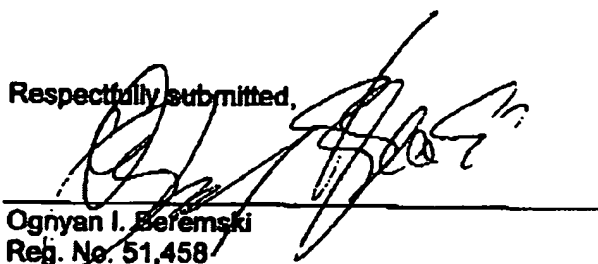
Please amend the paragraph entitled "Cross-Reference to Related Applications" as follows:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/973,129 filed October 9, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,702,758 which is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/285,938 filed April 2, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,299,584 issued October 9, 2001, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. application Serial No. 08/832,277 filed April 3, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 5,954,669 issued September 21, 1999. The above-referenced applications and patents are hereby incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.

Please charge any required fees not paid herewith or credit any overpayment to the Deposit Account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Ltd., Account No. 13-0017. In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the pending claims define allowable subject matter. Should anything remain in order to place the present application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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